



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6228

January Session, 2005

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AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 31-58 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2005*):

4 (j) "Minimum fair wage" in any industry or occupation in this state
5 means a wage of not less than six dollars and seventy cents per hour,
6 and effective January 1, 2003, not less than six dollars and ninety cents
7 per hour, and effective January 1, 2004, not less than seven dollars and
8 ten cents per hour, and effective January 1, 2006, not less than seven
9 dollars and forty cents per hour, and effective January 1, 2007, not less
10 than seven dollars and sixty-five cents per hour, or one-half of one per
11 cent rounded to the nearest whole cent more than the highest federal
12 minimum wage, whichever is greater, except as may otherwise be
13 established in accordance with the provisions of this part. All wage
14 orders in effect on October 1, 1971, wherein a lower minimum fair
15 wage has been established, are amended to provide for the payment of
16 the minimum fair wage herein established except as hereinafter
17 provided. Whenever the highest federal minimum wage is increased,
18 the minimum fair wage established under this part shall be increased
19 to the amount of said federal minimum wage plus one-half of one per
20 cent more than said federal rate, rounded to the nearest whole cent,

21 effective on the same date as the increase in the highest federal
22 minimum wage, and shall apply to all wage orders and administrative
23 regulations then in force. The rates for learners, beginners, and persons
24 under the age of eighteen years shall be not less than eighty-five per
25 cent of the minimum fair wage for the first two hundred hours of such
26 employment and equal to the minimum fair wage thereafter, except
27 institutional training programs specifically exempted by the
28 commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	31-58(j)
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PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*